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FROM Chief, SR thru Chief, WE

SUBJECT { GENERAL REDWOOD/TILBURY/ARCOB
SPECIFIC Recruitment of VALDENAR

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1. The following clarification is keyed to paragraph 2 of reference.

a. TILBURY/1 was directly involved in the delivery of cryptographic material to VALDENAR. On his return to the Latvian SSR, he carried with him in a money belt - one signal plan for blind broadcasts, commo procedure instructions, 6 decodes and 3 encode one time pads, an S/W ink system and an S/W developer system. This material was turned over to VALDENAR by TILBURY/1, the latter acting merely as a courier for the delivery of material.

b. VALDENAR only receives blind broadcasts from Headquarters and has no signal plan for broadcasting to us. He replies by means of S/W.

c. Apart from the obvious advantages of receiving positive intelligence reports from a presumed known RIB source, in this particular case it was necessary to "recruit" VALDENAR in order to protect TILBURY/1. Since the latter had the assignment of establishing contact with AIS and subsequently returned to Latvia well supplied with goods and currency, it should have been apparent to VALDENAR (he unloaded TILBURY/1's boat) that TILBURY/1 had succeeded in at least obtaining some support. For that reason TILBURY/1 was briefed to report to VALDENAR that he had had contact with AIS, had received money, had been briefed, and was to hand over all equipment and instructions for maintaining communications to VALDENAR for his sole use. In this respect he was merely fulfilling the functions of a courier. What he was not to reveal to VALDENAR (or to []) was the fact that TILBURY/1 himself

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had a higher-grade two-way S/W system for maintaining unilateral communications with the AIS. Incidentally, TILBURY/1 was instructed not to reveal to [] that any communication capability of any kind had been transmitted to VALDENAR either.

d. If TILBURY/1 has complied with his instructions - which would certainly be in his interest to do if he is in fact unwittingly controlled as we believe - then VALDENAR should have no knowledge of TILBURY/1's recruitment. In the past, TILBURY/1 who is merely one of VALDENAR's contacts, has not engaged in nor participated in any communications with the West either separately or jointly with VALDENAR. TILBURY/1's future ostensible role will be that of a cooperative contact and informant for VALDENAR the "leader" who, as such has sole control of the communications.

2. It is recalled that when the [] was briefed on the foregoing by MAURER in November 1956, he promised to make these arrangements a matter of written record. It is regretted that the press of other business prevented MAURER from doing so until now.

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ADDENDUM: To these answers to your specific questions it will be well to add that a discussion has recently been opened among the interested Headquarters desks, weighing the hazards and profits to KUBARK of continuing the contact with [] in Sweden. Such a review has seemed wise in view of the current [] uneasiness and the desirability of battenning the hatches against the not impossible prospect of the Soviets exposing and protesting other Baltic activities when it suits their purpose. No conclusion here has yet been reached since one of the determining facts appears to be the ODUNIT evaluation of the information gained from TILBURY/1 last summer. This we expect to have soon, though, whereupon we will have more to say on this subject.

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